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United States Application Serial No. 09/671,966

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request the entry of Claims 11-14 and 16-19.

In the Final Office Action dated April 8, 2004, Claims 9-19 were indicated as allowable. Claims 43, 44 and 45 (allowed in the Notice of Allowability dated August 16, 2004) represent Claims 9, 10 and 15, respectively, re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining claims indicated as allowable in the Final Office Action (Claims 11-14 and 16-19) depend directly or indirectly from Claim 10, now rewritten as Claim 44.

During the interviews of August 11, 2004 and August 12, 2004 between Applicant's representative and the Examiner, an agreement was reached to enter Claims 43-45, as appearing in Applicant's response dated June 7, 2004, responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 8, 2004, by Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner's Amendment indicates Claims 1-42 are cancelled and Claims 43-45 are added and indicated as allowed.

It was the understanding of the undersigned that Claims 11-14 and 16-19 would also be entered by Examiner's Amendment, with Claim 11 amended to correct the dependency thereof to depend from Claim 44 as indicated in Applicants' response dated June 7, 2004, since these claims were indicated as allowable and depend from 10 which is represented as allowed Claim 44.

As such, since Claims 11-14 and 16-19 were indicated as allowable in the Final Office Action, the Applicants respectfully request entry of Claims 11-14 and 16-19, with Claim 11 amended to depend from Claim 44 as shown above.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks, this application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, reference no. 10003413-1.

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